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APPLICATION

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In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:  
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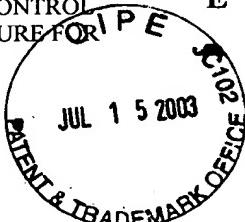
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOWING PROPRIETARY FORWARDING ELEMENTS TO INTEROPERATE WITH STANDARD CONTROL ELEMENTS IN AN OPEN ARCHITECTURE FOR NETWORK DEVICE

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114** Technology Center 2100

Please continue the examination of this application.

**PREREQUISITES**

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee has not been paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).

**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).**

**Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.**

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

**Please consider the following before the next Official Action:**

1. Please  enter  do not enter the Amendment filed
2.  The enclosed new Amendment
3.  Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed \_\_\_\_\_ and reply brief filed \_\_\_\_\_
4.  The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5.  The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
 

<input type="checkbox"/> IDS Letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Cited Appln	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Search Report/OA
<input type="checkbox"/> PTO-1449		<input type="checkbox"/> Cited Documents
6.  Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the required \$130 fee (fee code 098) to our Deposit Account (see below).
7. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date of \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the date \_\_\_\_\_ this Request is filed. PLEASE CHARGE the requisite fee to our Deposit Account (see below)
 

(1 mo)	\$110/\$55
(2 mos)	\$410/\$205 + 0
(3 mos)	\$930/\$465
8. PLEASE CHARGE the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of  \$750 (lg. ent.)  \$375 (sm. ent.) plus any deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 81674 / 264193

**NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred!**  
**NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED** unless you are adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case cover this with PAT-120.

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